U. H. J. Liber No. 35 Feb. 23 Thursday Morning 23. February 1758.

This House met again according to Adjournment

Present as in the Morning Adjourned till three of the Clock in the Afternoon

Eodem Die post Meridiem

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Present as in the Morning Adjourned till to Morrow Morning 10. of the Clock

Feb. 24

Friday Morning 24. February 1758. This House met again according to Adjournm.^t

Present as Yesterday except Col: Hammond Adjourned till three of the Clock in the Afternoon

Eodem Die post Meridiem This House met again according to Adjournm.^t

Present as in the Morning

Richard Lee and Benedict Calvert Esq.^r are sent to the Lower House to acquaint them his Excellency requires their Attendance in the Upper House immediately

The Lower House attend and his Excellency is pleased to make the following Speech

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly

You will learn from a Copy of a Letter received this Morning from the Earl of Loudoun which I shall order to be laid before you that his Lordship is determined to pursue vigorous, and offensive Measures this Spring against the Enemy that has lately so much annoyed these Colonies, if they will on their Parts agree to Support and assist him in carrying his Plan into Execution, you will see likewise that for this Purpose his Lordship desires and expects that we will raise and provide for the cloathing and Payment of an additional Number of Troops over and above the five Companies that have been already raised here, and that are now posted in the two Forts which have been built within this Province

As the Earl of Loudoun in Order that the Expence to your Constituents might be as light as possible will give Directions for these